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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - CHAVEZ AND LATIN AMERICA

On December 5, conservative, afternoon "La Segunda" (circ. 33,000, 12/5) carried an editorial entitled, "Chavez And His Allies."
Quote:

"There have been numerous presidential elections this year in the region, but the one that could have the biggest political repercussion is Hugo Chavez'.... The Venezuelan President is characterized by his interventionism in countries...and appears to be Fidel Castro's natural heir, with the advantage of his resources to promote projects that will mark his presence beyond his own country.... Chavez continues to extend his influence and seems to have Lula da Silva's support...and Evo Morales' friendship.... Alan Garcia won in Peru, and Felipe Calderon succeeded in strengthening the Mexican government...but his tight victory and the tenacity of the defeated candidate have given him problems since his swearing-in ceremony.... Therefore, the region's situation is still contradictory with the predominance of radical trends, with the foreseeable political tension and economic stalling, all of which will have an effect on our country, either directly or indirectly."

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